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BSU pushes for observance of King's birthday

by Lanon Cuttill

Concerned students once again visited a Council of Faculty Delegates meeting.

The majority of the 44 attending students consisted of Black Student Union members. BSU's main concern was PUC's plan to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Professor Thomas Mihail opened the discussion by requesting that a spokesman from BSU be allowed to address the issue. The request was granted by Chancellor Richard Combs.

BSU spokesman and guest speaker Dr. Vincent L. McCutcheon, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church and vice president of NAACP, strongly believes that in honor of Dr. King's birthday, the best way to celebrate is by not holding classes.

Rodney Kemp, vice president of BSU, said, "There is a need for more blacks and minorities on the faculty. Until they (faculty) do have more minorities, the faculty cannot be making the decisions for black and minority students."

Mihail then suggested that members of the council vote not to reaffirm their earlier vote against the King holiday. The council voted 15 to 9 not to reaffirm the earlier

The Council of Faculty Delegates advised the Scheduling and Planning committee to return with a different calendar recognozing the King holiday with no classes

The vote deciding if the day will be observed with no classes was tabled until the April meeting.

"Based on today's vote and especially the support from the community and students today," said Mihail, "I'm expecting a favorable vote next month. I expect the university to close on that day."

Combs addresses campus likes and dislikes

by Melissa Rohrer

Chancellor Richard Combs and the administration asked a Chicago consulting firm to survey deans, directors, department heads and staff about what they like and dislike about PUC.

That's what Melnick, Baird, Williams and Fisher will find out. The firm's interviews will continue throughout March. President Dr. John Baird and Linda E. Baird will conduct one-on-one and group discussions.

The opinions are measured by the number of times each is brought up. Everything said within the discussion is confidential. The survey is designed to inhibit biased feedback and encourage honesty.

240 employees will be surveyed in all. A summarized report will be compiled with recommendations for positive and efficient changes

Dr. Baird said, "Communication throughout the administration may be hindered with the growing size of this campus." The firm will determine whether current plans are consistent with staff opinions and suggestions.



Time for a change. Members of the Black Student Union applaud comments by BSU President Vanessa Allen and Vice-President Ben Simmons at the Council of Faculty Delegates meeting in which members discussed closing PUC in observance of Martin Luther

Vacation spots await spring breakers

by Cindy Hall

Miles of bathing suited students gleaming against the 80 degree sun-drenched sky is a definite sign of spring break in southern vacation hot spots.

Spring Break at PUC is March 18 through 24.

Daytona Beach, Fl., population 67,000, expects an estimated 600,000 students from March 14 through April 21.

"We welcome all students to Daytona Beach," said Sergeant Power of the Daytona Beach Police Department.

"If you're coming to Daytona Beach, don't expect to violate laws and city ordinances," Powers said. "In 1989, Daytona Beach had three student fatalities and 2,000

arrests

South Padre Island, Texas, population 2,000, expects an estimated 250,000 students from March 1 through 31.

"Most students are not looking for trouble," said Captain Tommy Atkinson of the South Padre Island Police Department.

"Exercise good common sense when it comes to drinking and driving," Atkinsons said. In 1989, there were no fatalities and 1200 arrests.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., population 150,000, expects an estimated 20,000 people. Ft. Lauderdale, where the spring break craze originated, is now replaced by Daytona

Beach as students vacation in the northernmost part of Florida.

"Times have changed and students go to Daytona. If you come to Ft. Lauderdale, have a good time, and don't do anything here you wouldn't do at home," said Ott Cefkin, spokesman for the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department. In 1989, Ft. Lauderdale had no fatalities and 260 arrests, only 25 were students.

The Spring Break Task Force said, "Wherever your heading for Break, always remember to party smart!"

All spokesmen said arrests were for drunk and disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, open container violation, minors under the influence, and possession of narcotics.

PUC tutors to help underpriviledged kids

by Monica Sajn

Most people would agree that one way to cure some of society's ills is through education. By giving children a goal or target to shoot for in life, some common problems relating to the underprivileged could be decreased.

PUC is now involved as a pioneer in a program educating middle school students and thus giving them the opportunity to achieve.

The Educational Talent Search Initiative is a federally funded program targeted to help middle school students from low income families with no previous college background from either parent.

The purpose of the initiative is to help middle school students realize the importance of an education and to encourage them to seek additional education such as college.

According to Alex Stone, tutor and counselor, "We want to catch the kids earlier than their junior or senior year in high

school before they begin to think of college, let alone prepare for college.

"Working with parents, students and tutors, we want to get these kids on the right track," said Stone. "First, we must realize, though, that a low socio-economic background is not synonymous with intelligence."

In fact, one of the most important aspects to the program is the "support system" provided to the students. By involving parents, teachers, and tutors in helping the students realize their full potential, these students can academically reach higher grounds.

According to Stone, "Many of these kids don't know college is a positive figure and can make life easier in the end."

It is through the tutors that the message of academia filters through to the students.

Tutors involved with the initiative combine several components to assist the students. They provide after school tutoring for everyday homework. They conduct cultural field trips and also arrange visits to local colleges and universities.

The tutors also reach deeper to aid the students. One example of this is through

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Scaffolding course attracts national appeal

As the only offering of its kind in North America, the PUC based continuing education course, "Introduction to Scaffold Erection and Safety," has attracted national participants.

Industries such as Amoco, Exxon, Mobil, USX, Inland Steel and scaffold manufacturers, plus the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have sent representatives to PUC to learn proper designing, construction and safety features of scaf-

Ralph E. Bennett III, P.E., PUC professor of Civil Engineering Technology, and David H. Glabe, P.E., branch manager, Safway Steel Products of Denver, Colo., developed the course in response to a request from Amoco's Whiting refinery for formal training in scaffold erection and

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career exploration. "The tutors consistently work with the participant to look for career aspirations and how college can assist and enhance these career goals,"

Monthly seminars and workshops for the students and their parents are also attended by the tutors.

According to Stone, "Every tutor is formally trained. We first look for people who are in good academic standing (at PUC) and have a sense of commitment to help At-Risk students.

"We then look for someone who will become an active participant with students: someone to provide an academic support base," said Stone.

PUC has nine tutors involved in the initiative program. They work an average of six to eight hours a week.

The tutors are formally trained by Stone. The training consists of a detailed interview, a workshop in which Stone discusses the components involved in relating to the students and on sight visitation by Stone at the schools where the tutors are working.

The area middle schools for the semester involved in the initiative are: Lake Ridge Middle School, Calumet Township; West Side and Block Junior High Schools, East Chicago; Eggars, Gavit and Spohn, Ham-

The tutors are paid for their services, though Stone feels many PUC students apply, not for the money or experience, but for a sense of getting involved in helping the community.

January was the beginning of the first full semester for the initiative. "So far the outlook is good," said Stone. "We're off to a positive start."

Kull promoted

by Lyle Kaye contributor

Mike Kull has recently been named the new superintendent of buildings and grounds at PUC.

Kull, has been with PUC since August of 1987 as grounds supervisor and served 15 years with the county park system. Director of the Physical Plant, Larry Beck, said "He has good leadership skills and was my choice all along."

Kull's position entails supervising 62 people in the maintenance, building services and grounds departments. Rick Trznadel, maintenance supervisor said, "he's doing a great job."

Coming to PUC in 1987 was a homecoming of sorts since he graduated from Purdue Lafayette in 1972 with a degree in

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"The course has attracted professionals from various disciplines, including erectors, users, designers, government regulators, equipment suppliers and manufacturers and building tradesmen," Bennett said.

Some 234 students from 25 states have enrolled and completed the course since it was initiated in 1988 through the university's Institute for Continuing Education and Department of Construction Technolsign, erection and dismantling of tube and coupler, systems, frame, rolling tower and ladder type scaffolds, plus various types of suspended scaffolds.

"The scaffold is erected first for the students to see, dismantled and then erected again by the students for the hands-on experience," Bennett said. "In addition, numerous other laboratory exercises are performed during the one week course."

Aside from practical application, topics

for classroom instruction include OSHA codes and regulations, the storage, handling, inspection and repair of scaffolds, and personal safety.

The course is scheduled again March 19 through 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration information may be obtained by calling PUC's Institute for Continuing Education at 989-2229.

Participants successfully completing the course will receive 4.0 continuing education units.

Sigrid Stark writing contest deadline approaching

by Vince Merlo

Any student registered at PUC for the fall or spring semester is eligible to enter the 1990 Sigrid Stark Writing Contest, sponsored by Professor Charles Tinkham of the English Department. The deadline for entries is April 2.

Students are allowed to submit entries in any of the 29 categories. Categories include poetry, short story, best freshman theme, and various essays ranging from personal and critical to technical and graduate research. There is also a category open to high school seniors in the Calumet Re-

In addition to the aforementioned categories, there are 19 special categories in which students may submit an entry including humorous essay or poetry, essay on civil rights, foreign literature translation and writings for children.

A contestant may enter as many categories or submit as many entries as he desires, but each specific entry may only be submitted in one category. Each entry must be submitted separately, and those submitted in the wrong categories will be dis-

First and second place entries win prizes, while honorable mentions receive certifi-

If interested, students can receive further information by contacting Sigrid Stark Committee members Dennis Barbour, ext. 2265, Charles Tinkham, ext. 2262, or Sandra Littleton-Uetz, ext. 2647.

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Brown Bag Forums provide international culture

by Carrie Swinford

There have been many studies done on America's knowledge of geography and international issues and the results have been nothing to brag about. The Brown Bag Forum can do something about it.

Professors Gideon Falk, Manfred Grote, and Arlene Russel are a committee in charge of a monthly international issues or Brown Bag Forum. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 28 from 12 to 2 p.m.

The speakers at this month's forum will be Professor Rose Adesiyan and Carol Servies, Director of Skills Assessment and Development. They will be discussing West Africa, concentrating on Nigeria and Ghana.

The topics vary depending on the focus and knowledge of the speaker. This forum will focus on culture, politics, and economics.

The purpose of the forum is to educate the faculty about international issues. Professor Falk said, "We need to learn and grow. If the faculty know about international issues, they will relay their knowledge to the students."

Since the program began in Oct. 1988, it has been geared toward faculty and staff

members, although a few students have attended.

"It is not that we do not want students to attend, we just would not be sure how many people would come, and if it would be the same kind of discussion," said Falk.

Falk is also involved in the International Week Planning Committee which has proposed a student geography contest in November during International Week.

The details are still up in the air, but the winner may have a chance to win a free trip to a foreign country.

Wellness council has healthy long term dreams

by Melissa Rohrer

Chancellor Richard J. Combs established a Wellness Council Jan. 25 to advise and make recommendations to the Chancellor concerning the various wellness programs available to PUC.

The Wellness Council will survey and coordinate programs into one calendar. The calendar will be dispersed among students and staff to promote health and preventative medicine.

John Friend, athletic director, is chair of the council with members selected by the Chancellor. Two members, Gina Flaherty and Christine Stefankiewicz, are students. The Council hopes the student members' input will be representative of student opinions and viewpoints throughout campus.

A Wellness Council member, Rob Jensen, said, "We've (the Fitness Center) been here for four years, and I still run into people who don't know the fitness center is on campus."

John Boblick from the fitness center said, "We need a Wellness Calendar so people know what's going on."

"The council wants seminars and programs more available to the people," Jensen said

The long-range dream of the Wellness Council is to have a dietician, health clinic and drug awareness facility in one central location. The facility would allow students and faculty easy access, whatever their health needs.

Fall graduates awarded degrees

Some 328 degrees were conferred to fall graduates of PUC.

According to official figures released by the university's Office of the Registrar, the graduates earned 96 associate degrees, 198 bachelor's degrees and 34 master's degrees.

Additionally, 27 bachelor's and associate degree recipients graduated with scholastic honors. Seven graduated with "highest distinction" and 20 with "distinction"

Graduates of "highest distinction" compiled a grade point index within the upper 3 percent of their class, while meeting minimum university credit hour requirements. Graduates of "distinction" compiled an upper 10 percent grade point index, while satisfying minimum university credit hour requirements.

Total graduates include 284 Indiana residents and 41 Illinois residents.

Nearly 18,850 degrees have been awarded at PUC.

Briefly.....

TV Commentator lectures

The Hispanic Alumni Society will present Juan Andrade, political commentator from WLS-TV, channel 7. He will discuss "The Importance of an Education," March 24 at noon in Alumni Hall. Admission is free.

Mistri reviews Fuentes

On Monday April 2, from 12:15 to 2 p.m. in C-131, "Carlos Fuentes The Old Gringo" will be reviewed by Jal Mistri, Director of Upward Bound.

A novel about the mysterious last days of Ambrose Bierce, the author of "The Devil's Dictionary," is a study of the troubled relationship between Mexico and the United States.

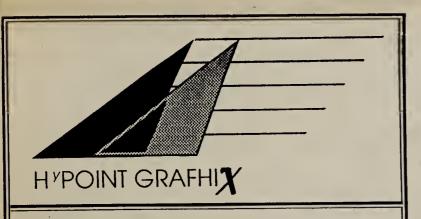
Graduate receives award

Dan McCabe, who coached the Bishop Noll Institute girls' basketball team to conference, sectional and regional championships this season, received the 1990 Purdue Alumni Association Calumet Distinguished Athletic Award.

The award is presented annually to a PUC graduate who has made significant contributions to the field of athletics. McCabe led Noll to an undefeated regular season record and within one victory of the state finals this season.

He is a 1984 graduate of PUC and an East Chicago resident. He also serves as a guidance counselor at Noll and has coached football and track and field.

Announcement of the award was made during recent PUC homecoming festivities.



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Editorials King birthday should be holiday at PUC

At the last Council of Faculty Delegates meeting, the proposal to include Martin Luther King's birthday as a school holiday was tabled until the April meeting. If the delegates pass the proposal, it means that PUC has finally recognized the importance of establishing a day to celebrate and remember the social changes which Martin Luther King imposed.

King's dream was never completed. From 1976 to 1988 enrollment of black women in universities has dropped 1.5 percent while during the same period the enrollment of black males dropped 10.4 percent. White supremist groups have again began to reappear, this time on college campuses like Bradley University in Peoria Illinois.

PUC, in the heart of a heavily Hispanic and black populated area, has slowly, too slowly, tried to recognize its minority population through establishing the Minority Agenda Steering Committee and the hiring of a black vice chancellor.

So why hedge over celebrating the birthday of one of the most influential black leaders in our history? Some faculty have said if we celebrate this holiday what's from preventing other groups from asking for another day of recognition.

But that is not where the focus belongs. The reason for a King

holiday would be to recognize some of the important issues that King believed in; open housing for the poor, equality and recognition of black heritage.

The Calumet region is one of the most segregated areas in the country. A look around the PUC campus proves this point too clearly. By walking through C-100, the concourse, or the cafeteria anyone can observe the obvious separation between blacks, whites, and Hispanics. In order for this problem to be solved the atmosphere must be conducive to multi-racial interaction.

A day off school to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday would first give black students, faculty, staff and administration a day to celebrate their heritage. Second, it would make whites think about the holiday and possibly understand the importance of equal rights.

The Black Student Union made their opinion on the holiday obvious. When the members of the Council of Faculty Delegates vote on the measure they must remember to take into consideration the already low opinion minority students have of PUC.

This is not a day to only celebrate Martin Luther King, but also a day to recognize the heritage of a race that has been discriminated against for years.

A vote to hold classes on that day is a vote to continue that discrimination.

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Students should decide use of SSF money

The Student Activities offices have been getting a lot of atten-"tion lately.

Five days is the countdown for remodeling of the offices, an issue which has prompted students to petition the administration and even demand to be heard at a council of faculty delegates meeting.

But there is something else that concerns students that is barely audible to the administration.

Each semester, students contribute four percent of their tuition to a fund designed to subsidize student activities. The Student Service Fee committee consists of six faculty members and three student representatives. For as long as the committee has been in existence, a majority of faculty members have decided the destination of students' money.

If college students are capable of paying their tuition on time, they are certainly capable of deciding where a portion of that money should go. Isn't a university an ideal setting to allow students to make decisions? Decisions that have to do with their own money?

Input by students concerning their student service fee should weigh more than decisions made by members of the faculty administration.

John Friend, athletic director, chairs the sub-committee which allocates funds to athletic activities. Larry Liddle, student activities director, chairs the sub-committee devoted to the student

The function of the committee is to distribute funds based on need. More specifically, the members vote on the legitimacy of budgets submitted by the organizations.

Members of the faculty and administration or students affiliated with student organizations should not be allowed a vote on matters related to their organization. This seems like an elementary concept and one that should be considered when forming the committee. Individuals with a conflict of interest should be

excluded. Approximately \$260,000 sits unused in the Student Service Fee reserve fund. Next semester the students will again be forced to kick in another \$2.25 per credit hour. And students, not faculty or administration, should be making the decisions concerning

the use of that money.

Photo Opinion

"What plans do you have for Spring Break?"



"Spring Break brings to mind social obligation in the National Guard. While fellow students are cruising chicks, I'll be out in the field living like a pig learning to destroy bridges with explosives."

Brian Rusnek Public Relations Junior



"Hawking babes, sucking down a couple ice cold foamy ones, and living off the fat of the land with the mellow tones of Frank Sinatra permeating the surf in balmy Panama City, Florida.

Mike Sucknovich Senior **Electrical Engineering** Mark Keilman Senior Electrical Engineering Letter to the Editor

Bryant addresses space use

Reference is being made to the space issue and the remodeling of the student office area. In order for the remodeling to be completed by the start of the 1990 fall semester, it is necessary for the construction project to start on March 19, 1990. I am truly sorry for the unavoidable inconvenience to our organizations during the course of the semester, but it would not have been possible to start the project at semester's end and have the area ready for occupancy at the start of the fall semester. We have, therefore, had to ask our student organizations to organize their belongings for the move which must be completed by March 16 to allow for the March 19 work

I have been working in an effort to arrange for office space for those organizations requiring space. I will be relying on the Student Government Association to ciapation of any other group to discuss the provide me with input as to criteria for space issue and available space. determining those organizations whose activities suggest the need for office space.

As I have indicated to students in the past, I will not agree to an organization occupying office space as a storage area for the organization only. The dire need for space on the third floor of the SFLC will not afford us the luxury of using office space for storage purposes.

The plan as conceived will allow for office space as well as space for student organizations to meet and work. To allow for flexibility in use, the meeting and work areas for students' general use will be assigned to the area orignally planned for the Chronicle and/or Student Activities Director's areas. The decision has been made to keep the Chronicle in Porter Hall until Porter undergoes remodeling in approximately one year. At that time, the Chronicle will have to move to some, yet to be identified, location.

I will be meeting with the Student Government Association, and I invite the paru-

Leo Bryant Vice-Chancellor for Student Services and Dean of Students

Editorial Policy

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Senior assistant provides integral addition to Gerontology Center

by Aimee Polte

PUC's Gerontology Center has been graced with a very active senior assistant, Bea Gilman.

Attending area AARP meetings and recruiting guests for the center's "Conference on Aging," are just a few of her jobs.

While growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Gilman was active in her Girl Scout troop. One day, her troop met first lady Mrs. Hoover.

In 1938, Gilman graduated from St. Andrews College in North Carolina with a bachelor of science degree in Textile Chemistry. She also keeps in touch with alumni.

"There was a tremendous love for the school. They were great years," Gilman said.

"There is always something to look back to. I keep a big correspondence with these people," she said.

After graduation, Gilman worked for Sewell Avery, the late President of Montgomery Wards. She worked in the Clothing and Textile department.

"He was a hard man to work for. In a way it is good to work for these kinds of people," Bea said.

"You learn a lot and you learn to do things well. You have to do them well because they are not going to accept things that are not done well," she said.

In later years, a grant supported by the government gave Gilman a job as "site manager" for a local nutrition site. She worked there for nine years.

Upcoming Events

March 16, Joe Satriani at the Aragon Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

March 18, Lenny Kravitz at Cabaret Metro at 7:30 p.m.

March 24, The Creatures at Cabaret Metro at 7:30 p.m.

March 27, Faith No More at Cabaret Metro at 7:30 p.m.

March 31, Red Lorry Yellow Lorry at Cabaret Metro at 7:30 p.m. April 3, John McLaughlin at Park

West at 7:30 p.m.
April 4, Ian McCulloch with Ultra

April 4, Ian McCulloch with Ultra Vivid Scene at Cabaret Metro at 7:30 p.m.

April 7, Peter Murphy with Nine Inch Nails at Cabaret Metro at 7:30 p.m.

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5307 State Line Ave. Hammond, IN 46320 (219) 931-8145 (800) 848-LOVE Gilman fed 50 seniors a day. She was also in charge of everyone attending the meal.

"It was like a family. When someone died it was like losing an aunt, uncle or cousin." said Gilman.

"You get to know about their children, grandchildren and all their ailments. Everyday they just want to talk," she said.

The nutrition site fed seniors and had many activities such as quilting, crocheting, square dancing, bingo, and card playing clubs each day. Bingo was very popular.

The federal government later transferred Gilman to the Gerontology Center.

Even though she hated the government paperwork of a site manager, she misses her former co-workers. Gilman said she is content as a senior assistant of the Gerontology Center.



Continuing the Dream. As Educational Talent Search Director Roy Hamilton looked on, Reverend Vincent L. McCutcheon of the Antioch Baptist Church addresses the Council of Faculty Delegates meeting. McCutheon said the proper way to celebrate Martin Luther King holiday would be for PUC to not hold classes.



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PUC provides unique tree inventory to area

What do oaks, american beeches, yellow birches, and persimmons all have in common? These trees are all unique to the area and represented in PUC tree inven-

According to a 1968 study done by Professor T.E. Shaw of PUC and author of "50 Common Trees of Indiana," trees were included which were unique to Indiana. Of the 50 trees cited in this publication, PUC has 38 of the 50.

This publication spurred the interest of business manager, Ed Andrews, and director of the physical plant, Larry Beck, two years ago. After this initial interest, a more formal tree evaluation was recommended by Michael Kull, superintendent of building and grounds.

As of spring 1988, PUC did not employ any stringent tree management guidelines. "We needed a quality management program for strategic replacement of trees at PUC, said Kull.

During the summer of 1988, Kris R. Batchell and Dr. Thomas L. Green of B and G Associates, a private consulting firm which specializes in tree evaluation, began their work on a tree inventory and management program. Each tree was inspected, classified, and identified.

This extensive evaluation summarized five categories. The categories were: basic tree inventory, a recommended plant list, trees not recommended for use, pest and disease management and planting recommendations.

Trees were classified on a condition scale

of 1.0 to 5.0 which rated trees on size, overall health, and longevity. Class 1.0 referred to newly planted trees, whereas a 5.0 referred to a dead or nearly dead tree which needed to be removed.

According to Beck, the tree evaluation was definitely worth the investment. "It is important to maintain our investment because the appearance of college campus has a great effect on young students entering a four year college program."

The inventory concluded that the majority of trees at PUC are healthy and have not reached maturity. There is also a good native representation on campus.

"Ten years ago, we planted approximately 50 trees per summer, whatever we could afford," A 20 point checklist is now utilized before any tree or shrub is planted.

An average of 10 to 25 tress are planted each year. The study recommended that 11 trees be planted annually on campus.

New Nick Lowe album disappoints

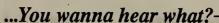
Nick Lowe A Party of One Reprise Records

After the excruciating Ice-T review we had to take a couple of weeks off to recuperate. We decided we would slow the

And this is as close as we will ever get to reviewing a country record. Maybe Lowe is trying to vie for a position in the Nashville Hall of Fame.

No bright spots exist on this album. This one is getting filed in the circular bin.

Wright: I was a big fan of the Nick



by Andy Wright and Dave Fanno



Who shook that can? I to r: Chuck Saculla, Ray Parpart, and Jeff Gajewski sing the "Beer" song in the Theatre Co.'s production of "Is There Life After High School?"

pace down a bit with a review of Nick Lowe's new record "A Party of One." But we didn't expect to slow down this much.

"A Party of One" is Lowe's first release since 1987's "Pinker and Prouder than Previous." Lowe is joined on this record by Dave Edmunds, also the producer, Ry Cooder, Jim Keltner and Paul Carrack.

Lowe should have stayed out of the studio for a couple more years. Both the lyrics and music are disappointing. We expected a little more from the guy who wrote and recorded the cunning "Cruel to be Kind."

Lowe-Dave Edmunds group Rockpile. Rockpile's music was smart and playful. All Lowe is doing here is plucking his way through a country record with lyrics that are hardly bearable. I was more than disappointed.

Fanno: This is an all-time new Lowe for Nick. Never having been a fan of Lowe's music, I'm glad I won't have to go back and invest in library of previous recordings. I hope I didn't ruin any of my audio equipment listening to the sappy lyrics and twangy, so called, electric guitar.

Play addresses puberty problems

'Is There Life After High School" is a musical about growing up and looking back. It addresses the problem of puberty and the luxury of being young enough to get away with it.

The musical never let's one forget there is life after high school, for some the best of times and for others the worst.

No one is alienated in this funny yet

Chuck Saculla, Ray Parpart and and Jeff Gajewski who use their real names, sing "Beer." One also feel's for the popular girl who's grown up in "Diary of a Home-

Linda Wilczynski glows in her very outgoing performance as does Jeff Gajewski, Arthur Stark and Ray Parpart.

Patrick Winters also in his last scene as a vunerable kid who has grown up and is able to realize that they really do not mat-

From zits, trigonometry and gym class to hairloss, weight gain and adulthood," Is There Life After High School really makes

Dates of Performance are March 8,9,10,15,16, 17 at 8:00 pm and March 11 at 3:00 pm at Alumni Hall.

There truely is not a song in this musical you will not enjoy and relate with in some way.

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Album Review

New wave punk just doesn't mix

by Don Sullivan

The musical group that I will be reviewing this week is a new wave band named NASA. Their first album is entitled Insha-Allah! I have no idea what the title means or why this band ever put an album out in the first place. This album blends a Middle Eastern style of music with new wave punk. This mixes together about as well as oil and water.

Every song on this tape starts out with a type of music that I can only describe as snake charmer's music. It sounds as though a cobra should be rising out of the tape and dancing to the song.

After you get past the initial lead in to each song you get repetitive lyrics and spaced out rhythms. Some songs sound as though they are stuck in a grove and keep playing the same thing over and over again. The lyrics seem to be nothing more than words thrown together to fill up space.

No meaning or message is derived from these songs at all. Here is an example of the bizarre lyrics: "You scream at me as I come from hell with my bad western skin and my jetlag saccharin." About the only message I can derive from these few lines is that the guy has a tired packet of sugar

Having to review this album, I found new meaning for the word torture. No one should have to endure the pain of listening to this album! Either the members in this group are on some very strong psychedelic drugs or they are five of the weirdest people to ever hit the music scene. I would get more pleasure out of being hit in the head with a club than listening to this group ever again. I give this group and album an F in every respect. I would advise anyone looking for good new music to stay clear of this



DePaul loses out to politics in NCAA tournament picks

Commentary by Erik Claesson

What fun would the announcement of the NCAA's basketball tournament bids be if there was no conflict? This year, locally, the conflict arises in our backyard at Chicago's DePaul University where the Blue Demons have been left out of the elite field of the 64 finest collegiate basketball teams in the country.

DePaul is complaining because Notre Dame, who DePaul defeated twice this season including a victory on Notre Dame's home court, was invited to the tournament with a 16-12 record compared to DePaul's 18-14 finish. The Blue Demons will be stuck at home to play in the NIT tourney, the tournament that takes the NCAA's leftovers.

"Those guys [NCAA tournament selection committee] do a great job, not every-

body is going to be happy," Notre Dame head coach Digger Phelps said, "but it's the greatest show going because it goes on for three weekends with such enthusiasm.

"And those people each year do what they think is the right thing to make this work, "said Phelps of the selection committee.

DePaul head coach Joey Meyer isn't going to point any fingers, but said they must reevaluate their role in the selection process and get a representative to look out for their interests.

The problem for DePaul arises not because of a lack of a representative in the selection process, but rather the lack of a strong schedule. And possibly the fear from the selection committee that a vote for DePaul is a vote for a quick bow out because of the Blue Demon's historically

disappointing post-season play.

DePaul's problem is one that plagues all independent schools, they don't belong to a conference. The Big Ten sent a record seven, countem' seven, teams to the tourney.

Some DePaul fans may criticize this, but would DePaul have finished ahead of Ohio State or Indiana in the Big Ten standings. I don't think so.

All the powerhouses and perennial powers in the NCAA are members of a tough conference with the exception of UNLV's Runnin' Rebels. Perhaps the Blue Demons may want to take heed of the actions of Penn State by joining a respected conference thereby receiving their "deserved recognition."

This year, the Penn State Nittany Lions finished 20-8, but were not invited to the

tournament either. If the Nittany Lions had already been included in the Big Ten, they would probably have been a number three or four seed.

But when a team plays outside a conference that's the price they play come tourney time in March.

Maybe DePaul deserves to be in the NCAA tournament and maybe Notre Dame doesn't, but perhaps if they a regular schedule of conference games some of the controversy in the selection process, that goes hand-in-hand with national respect according to the strength of opponents, would be answered for the independents.

When the smoke clears and both the NIT and NCAA championships are decided, DePaul could be hanging a banner in their gym while Notre Dame will be talking about their first or second round defeat.

Rough season has bright spots

PUC's women's basketball team recently completed a season which saw it finish 4-23, but the outlook for the Lady Lakers is not as bleak as it may seem though.

"It was a tough season and some-what frustrating at times," PUC head coach Stacey Zurek said. "But experience wise it was excellent, especially for the freshmen."

Of the seven players on the roster at the end of the season, there were four freshmen, one sophomore, one junior and one senior. The lack of experience contributed greatly to some of the on-court problems which included committing over 21 turnovers per game, but the attitude of the team remained up-beat.

"I was pretty pleased with the attitude that the girls kept," Zurek said. "They seemed to bounce back well from adversity."

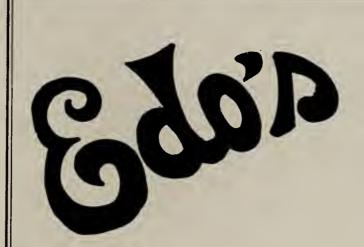


While the team did not enjoy a lot of success, there were some personal accomplishments this season. Junior Gina Flaharty (Merrillville/Merrillville HS) was named N.A.I.A. District 21 Player-of-the-Week for Feb. 3 to Feb. 10.

Flaharty was also named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week for Feb. 11 to Feb. 18. She was also selected to the CCAC All-Conference team and chosen as an Honorable Mention All-District 21 player.

Flaharty finished the season with 509 points which moves her career total up to 915. She should become the fourth Lady-Laker in the school's history to go over the 1,000 point mark early next season.

Senior Tammy Huzzie (Griffith/Griffith HS) a three-year starter, closed out her career with 872 points which ranks her sixth on the school's all-time list. She also recorded 683 career rebounds which ranks her second behind three-time All-American Lee Ann DeYoung.



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The Total Fitness Center, in operation since the summer of 1986, has grown in numbers and popularity in the area as the premier place for cardiovascular fitness training. Co-directors John Bobalik and Rob Jensen said they have been amazed at how fast the center has grown without any advertisement.

"That's how we wanted it to be, just word of mouth," Jensen said. As of March 1, the center's membership is 1,654 and over 1,100 of those are part and full time

Bobalik said other circuits in surrounding facilities don't take a professional approach. "We have a system that wants to provide a professional service with a different slant.'

The difference in PUC's fitness center compared to Chicago Health Clubs and Omni is the extensive medical information and exercise history the center compiles on each member. The Total Fitness Center also gives each member baseline statistics, taken from testing, to measure individual

"We have 70 to 75 percentage of retention which is abnormally high because of the objective feedback and positive reinforcement given," Bobalik said.

"We're more of a clinical type of setting with exercise, health and fitness," said Mike Sharp, intern at the center.

Sharp who is majoring in Exercise Science and Fitness at Ball State, said PUC's fitness center is unique as far as a college program goes.

'PUC has the full spectrum of everything. They've got free weights, a cardiovascular, nutrition and a wellness program which is far above any other facility in the area," Sharp said.

"We're more into what goes on inside your body than that image of Chicago Health Clubs. That attitude is cosmetic and fashion," Sharp said, who was once a member of a Chicago Health Club.

"They spend two to three minutes showing you their workout facility and then 25

minutes on a payment plan. We take you through 30 minutes of showing you how to use the circuit and take a couple minutes talking about money, it's obvious what they're after," Sharp said.

"If your out to help people you don't care about money," Bobalik said. He said because of the many options the fitness center offers it's easier for people to feel comfortable working out and it's safer which helps bring in a whole other group of people.



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What's up doc? Intern Mike Sharp checks new fitness center member Pat Sims blood pressure as her husband Roger waits his turn.

Sport Shorts

Weight program

Total Fitness Center members will be dropping unwanted pounds and inches as part of the Weight Loss and Body Fat Reduction Program. Sign-up deadline for award eligibility is Saturday, March 17.

The program will last for eight weeks from the day of individual weigh-ins.

Dinners for two at The Breadbasket, located on Indianapolis Blvd., will be given to individuals who lose the most weight, body fat, total inches and the best nutritional turn around.

A weekend for two at the Star Plaza-Radisson Hotel in Merrillville is the grand prize awarded to the 100 percent club goal achiever. All participants will receive a custom t-shirt.

The cost is \$15. For more information contact the center at 989-2363 or K-171.

Intramural volleyball

Co-ed volley ball is scheduled to begin Monday, April 2. A meeting is set for Monday, March 26, at noon in K-131 for interested students.

Softball meeting

Intramural 12 inch co-ed softball will begin Monday, April 9. A meeting for prospective players will be Monday, April 2, at noon in K-131.

Collegiate volleyball

Women interested in competing in collealleyhall should attend a meeting Monday, March 26, at 1 p.m. in K-131. For more information contact the athletic office at ext. 2550.

Weightlifting tourney

To all weightlifters who like to pump their stuff pound for pound, a tentative tournament is scheduled for mid-April.

For more information contact student intramural coordinator Melanie Bales at ext. 2290 or in K-105.

Spring break hours

During spring break, the Total Fitness Center will be open its regular hours, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The weight room, racquetball courts and the gymnasium will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The indoor track will be open the same hours as the fitness center.

